

Appl. No. 09/912,810
Amdt. dated June 22, 2005
Reply to Office action of February 22, 2005

PATENT**REMARKS**

This paper is in response to the Office Action of February 22, 2005. The due date for response extends to June 22, 2004, with a one month extension.

Claims 1, 2, and 5 have been amended and claim 8 is new. Claims 3, 4, 6, and 7 remain the same.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's prompt indication that claims 2-7 define allowable subject matter. Applicants' responses to the issues raised in the Office Action are set forth in the following discussion.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter, as indicated by the Examiner, in original claim 2. In this amendment, Applicants have included a definition for "n" as disclosed in the specification to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 as set forth in the Office Action of February 22, 2005. Accordingly, independent claim 1 is in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, claims 2 and 3, which depend from independent claim 1, likewise in condition for allowance.

Original claims 4, 6, and 7 were indicated to be allowable, as would be original claim 5, if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112. Claim 5 has been amended and now includes a definition for "n" as disclosed in the specification, and thus claim 5 is in condition for allowance.

Claim 8 is an independent claim containing subject matter of original claim 3 and all of the limitations of the original base claim (original claim 1). In other words, claim 8 is original claim 3 written in independent form. The Examiner has indicated that claim 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, and thus claim 8 is in condition for allowance.

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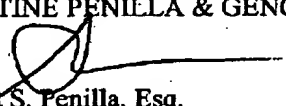
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In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of claims 1-8, and submit that these claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present amendment, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 749-6903. A petition for a one month extension is hereby made, and the Commissioner is requested to charge \$120 to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No JLINP064) to cover this extension of time.

If any other fees are due in connection with filing this amendment, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No JLINP064). A duplicate copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
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